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Re: United States v. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Crim. No. 13-10200-GAO

Dear Counsel:

We write to call to your attention a fact of which you may already be aware. It is the government's understanding that Mr. Brendan Garvin, Deputy Clerk to Magistrate Judge Marianne B. Bowler, was present at the Forum Restaurant, 755 Boylston Street, Boston, on April 15, 2013 when the explosive device was detonated in front of the restaurant during the running of the Boston Marathon. Mr. Garvin, like many others in the area, was not injured and will not be a witness in any case. It is the government's understanding that Judge Bowler is aware that Mr. Garvin was at the Forum at the time of the explosion.

As you know, Judge Bowler is the Magistrate Judge who was assigned to *United States v. Tsarnaev*, MJ No. 13-02106-MBB. We call the foregoing fact to your attention only in an abundance of caution, since Deputy Clerks play a non-decisional role in matters in this court.

Sincerely,

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